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Defense positions observed at Inchon were as follows:

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- a. Three large guns at Sowolmi-do (126-36, 37-27).
- b. One gun (size unknown) at the south end of the breakwater.
- c. Four or five machine guns along the west side of Wolmi-do (126-36, 37-28), and two machine guns on the southwest side.
- d. Four machine guns spaced along the seawall from 126-36-50, 37-20-35 to 127-37-50, 37-27-10.
- e. The 9th Infantry trenches a few feet back from the water. The trenches extend along the seawall from 126-36-50, 37-10-35 to 126-37-15, 37-27-55.
- f. An observation post in the tower of a large red brick building at 126-37-35, 37-27-58.
- g. In the Inchon Park area, two guns halfway up the west side of the hill, two guns halfway up the north side of the hill, several big guns on top of Hill 69. The trench system serves as a route from an underground ammunitions dump halfway up the west slope and from two dumps at the top of the mountain.

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2. The following gun positions at Inchon were obtained by observing their fire:

- a. Three guns, estimated as 76-mm., possibly on tanks, in the vicinity of 126-38-40, 37-27-50.

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- b. Twenty five 7-mm. (7.62-mm.?) machine guns, and five 120-mm. mortars at Sowolmi-do.
- c. Three guns, estimated as 76-mm., possibly on tanks, at the quarantine station on Wolmi-do at the north end of the causeway connecting with Sowolmi-do.
- d. Four large guns, 120-mm. or 150-mm. (122-mm. or 152-mm.?), in the old Japanese gun positions on Wolmi-san, Hill 105 (126-36-20, 37-28-10).
- e. Three or four large guns possibly 150-mm. (152-mm. howitzer?) with a range of 7 miles on the west side of a large building on a hill in Inchon Park (126-37-40, 37-28-40).

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- 3. American tide tables of the Inchon area are inaccurate; the Japanese tables have proved accurate.
- 4. Navigation lights are operating on Paegam (Hakugan) (126-24, 37-14) and Pido (Futo) (126-20, 37-08) in the east channel. The channel markers in the vicinity of 126-35, 37-25 are in the same approximate positions, but show no lights.

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